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## Letter dated 25 September 2001 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the text of the joint Russian-Armenian communiqué adopted by the President of Armenia, Mr. R. S. Kocharian, and the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. V. V. Putin, in Yerevan on 15 September 2001 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under items 35, 74, 97 and 166 of the agenda for the fifty-sixth session.

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## Annex to the letter dated 25 September 2001 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

### Joint Russian-Armenian communiqué

At the invitation of the President of Armenia, Mr. R. S. Kocharian, the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. V. V. Putin, made an official visit to Armenia on 14 and 15 September 2001.

During talks which took place in an atmosphere of full mutual understanding and harmony, the heads of State engaged in a fruitful exchange of views on the current issues and prospects of Russian-Armenian relations, as well as on international and regional problems of common interest.

The sides noted that the tragic events in the United States of America had highlighted with new force the need for comprehensive intensification of the joint efforts to combat international terrorism and for the uniting of the international community's efforts to counter that scourge of the twenty-first century.

The parties noted that mutual respect, equality of rights and taking account of each other's interests are the key principles of the strengthening of relations of cooperation as allies between the Russian Federation and Armenia. The resolve to continue the policy of expanding Russian-Armenian dialogue in the political, economic and other spheres was confirmed.

After expressing their desire for the further development of bilateral relations, the sides emphasized the need to intensify trade and economic cooperation. In this connection, they noted the importance of economic integration and of encouraging mutual investments by creating joint enterprises based on various forms of ownership.

Noting the existence of a valuable basis of treaty law between the two States, the sides considered that there was a need for its further improvement.

Noting the useful work done by the Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Russian Federation and Armenia to prepare for the official visit by the President of the Russian Federation to Armenia, the sides noted that the Commission's purposeful and consistent work was capable of greatly facilitating the increased effectiveness of trade and economic cooperation and of bringing its level to that of Russian-Armenian political relations.

The sides noted with satisfaction the high level of cooperation in the military and military equipment spheres, which was intended to ensure the security of the two countries and was not directed against any third party. The sides expressed their readiness to continue in the future to intensify cooperation in that sphere.

The President of the Russian Federation and the President of Armenia confirmed their commitment to the maintenance and strengthening of the close spiritual and cultural ties between the peoples of the two countries.

The sides expressed their intention of continuing to encourage contacts between social, scientific, sports and youth organizations.

An exchange of views also took place on international problems, including issues of regional multilateral cooperation in the economic and other spheres.

Special attention was paid to the settlement of the Nagorny-Karabakh conflict. The sides confirmed their commitment to solving it exclusively by peaceful means, taking into account the relevant norms and principles of international law.

The sides expressed support for the strengthening of bilateral and multilateral cooperation within the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Treaty on Collective Security, and also noted the importance of cooperation within the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Council of Europe and other international organizations.

The sides agreed to continue the practice of holding ongoing bilateral consultations at various levels on issues of international relations and regional policy, cooperation in various international organizations and other issues of common interest.

The conviction was expressed that the official visit by the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. V. V. Putin, would make an extremely important contribution to the further intensification of bilateral cooperation.

Mr. Putin expressed deep gratitude for the warm and cordial welcome extended to him on the hospitable soil of Armenia.